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There has been a special focus this year on Soviet strategic forces in view of (1) US strategic force modernization initiatives, and (2) prospective arms control negotiations on strategic and theater nuclear forces. Some key areas of interest in this regard have been:

- Soviet air defense capabilities;
- Ballistic missile defense modernization and R&D programs;
- Mobile ballistic missile developments, including the status of the SS-20 IRBM deployment and forthcoming mobile ICBMs;
- Prospects for Soviet achievements in military-related technology; and
- Soviet nuclear warfighting planning and capabilities, particularly concerning force reconstitution and protracted warfare.

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